Committee constituted to distribute the Released Forest Lands

87. Sri M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have constituted the Advisory Committee in each of the Revenue Sub-Divisions in North Kanara District under the Chairmanship of Assistant Commissioners for distributing the forest lands already released by Government in North Kanara ;

(*b*) if so, the Government and non-Government representatives in the said Committees ; when these said Committees were constituted and the details of the Government Orders in this behalf ;

(*c*) whether there are any representatives belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the said Committees ; if there is no representation, the reasons therefor ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The following are the Government and non-Government representatives in the said Committees :—

(i) Concerned Assistant Commissioner (Chairman)

(ii) Tahsildar of the Taluk (Convener)

(iii) Concerned Divisional Forest Officer of the Sub-Division.

(iv) Assistant Director of Agriculture Department.

(v) Chairman, District Central Co-operative Bank or his Nominee.

(vi) Chairman of the concerned Land Development Bank.

These Committees were constituted on 12th April 1970. The details of the Government Order are as follows :—Sanction is accorded to release about 47,708 acres of forest land for cultivation in North Kanara District in Government Order No. AFD 24 FGL 69, dated 26th April 1969. This Committee is constituted to ensure distribution of land to actual cultivators early so as to enable them to cultivate in this season only.

(*c*) No.

In a Committee consisting of Government officers and *ex-officio* Members, separate representation to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was not considered necessary.